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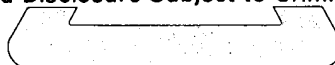
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NEW INDEPENDENT ARTILLERY BRIGADE
VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS BARRACKS AND VEHICLE PARK EAST, CUBA

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: THE FIFTH CUBAN INDEPENDENT ARTILLERY BRIGADE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN EASTERN CUBA.
2. (SWN) REMARKS: A NEW INDEPENDENT ARTILLERY BRIGADE CONSISTING OF MAJOR ELEMENTS OF TWO BATTALIONS OF 130MM FIELD GUNS M-46 WITH AT-S PRIME MOVERS, AND ELEMENTS OF A PROBABLE 122MM HOWITZER M-30 BATTALION HAS BEEN OBSERVED FIELD DEPLOYED EAST OF VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS AT 20-57-20N 076-53-45W NEAR AN AREA OF UNOCCUPIED VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT REVETMENTS (GRAPHIC 1). THE 130MM FIELD GUN M-46 WEAPON IS ASSIGNED ONLY TO INDEPENDENT ARTILLERY BRIGADES IN THE CUBAN ARMED FORCES. THIS IS THE SECOND INDEPENDENT ARTILLERY BRIGADE IN EASTERN CUBA AND THE FIFTH IN CUBA.

(SWN) THE PROBABLE HOME GARRISON FOR THIS INDEPENDENT ARTILLERY BRIGADE IS VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS BARRACKS AND VEHICLE PARK EAST WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION (GRAPHIC 2). THE GARRISON CONTAINS A BARRACKS/ADMINISTRATION AREA WITH TWO PROBABLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS AND 11 BARRACKS; A VEHICLE PARK WITH 16 DOUBLE-BAY VEHICLE SHEDS, SOME IN A VERY EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION; AND A PROBABLE STORAGE AREA WITH EIGHT BUILDINGS. CLEARINGS FOR POSSIBLE TRAINING AREAS ARE AT THE NORTH AND SOUTH ENDS OF THE GARRISON. CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY THROUGHOUT THE FACILITY. THE GARRISON AND THE ARTILLERY DEPLOYMENT AREA ARE CONNECTED BY AN IMPROVED ROAD.

(SWN) THE INSTALLATION WAS IN A VERY EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION IN MARCH 1982. ARTILLERY WAS FIRST OBSERVED IN THE DEPLOYMENT AREA IN EARLY JUNE 1982 WHEN A POSSIBLE FIELD ARTILLERY BATTERY WAS PRESENT.

3. (S) _____ COORDINATES 20-58-20N 076-54-30W.

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